

SAFEGUARDING BEST PRACTICES
FOR OUR PARISHES AND COMMUNITIES

THE TWO-ADULT PRACTICE

General safe practices in all Church spaces and activities recommends the application of the “Two-Adult Practice” which serves to keep children and vulnerable adults, as well as the adults serving them, safe. At any parish, entity or community space, venue and event involving children or vulnerable adults for best practice, no fewer than two adults should be present at all times.

WHO DOES THIS APPLY TO?

If you are involved in any ministry or role that involves children or vulnerable adults then the “Two-Adult Practice” applies.

WHICH MINISTRIES / ROLES?

Altar Servers, Liturgy of the Word with Children; Pastoral Visits or taking Holy Communion to the sick in private homes or residential homes; members of St Vincent de Paul visits or delivering food parcels; Legion of Mary; Pastoral Ministers; Youth Group activities and Children's Choirs to name but a few.

WHY?

1. Offers additional help if there is an accident or emergency
2. Significantly limits the chance of false accusations or mistreatments of others
3. Sends a clear message that children and our vulnerable are important and valued.

This practice is an important step in ensuring the safety of our children and vulnerable adults, and ourselves as ministers. It is a top priority we follow this practice at all times.

